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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - DAVOS SUMMIT

¶1. On July 30, conservative, independent "La Tercera" (circ. 101,000) ran an editorial entitled "Davos and the World Economic Forum." Quote:

¶2. "The recent World Economic Forum meeting in Davos is a clear example that the international community recognizes increasingly that there is an array of topics that must be dealt with from a global perspective.... The debate about climate change and the science involved was a landmark, because never before had global warming been discussed in a forum at this level.... The weakened Doha Round got a new push in Davos, because the ministers agreed to renew the trade talks. This is no minor achievement, since the reactivation of dialogue depends on substantial concessions from the countries involved.... Another key topic was the increasing role of information technology in growth and development.... In sum, the array of topics that call for a global perspective, such as those proposed in Davos, seems to be on the rise. For the international community it is an asset to have a forum such as Davos, which is less 'tainted' by global political differences to discuss these topics."

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